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SHAKE-UP OF STATE SQUAD MAY FOLLOW TRIAL FLOP

Sweeping changes are expected shortly in the Sydney squad for the Peruvian tour.

Selectors H. Lakmaker, H. Bartlett and G. Zantey share the soccer public's concern at the Sydney team's shocking display against a "pick-up" Yugoslav XI 10 days ago.

The Yugoslavs completely outclassed the full Sydney representative team to win 5-3.

The Sydney team's lack of cohesion was the most appalling feature of its defeat.

The players performed like strangers despite many training sessions together and two matches in the 1963 Australian Championship.

The Sydney team lined up in the following formation against the Yugoslavs for the charity match: Lord; Rusalen, Sherwin; Kelly, Woods, Dunaj; Blitz, Barnett, Ninaus, Jeffrey, Scheinflug.

Barnett, Ninaus, Woods and Dunaj — in that order — were the poorest performers on the night.

Barnett, Ninaus and Dunaj had been playing badly in recent club matches and could not be expected to show marked improvement

As for Matt Woods, his selection must rank among the great mysteries of the season.

The Sydney team must be drastically changed: brawn and determination must make way for ball players, capable of lifting their game to the standard and style of the Peruvians, Swiss and Yugoslavs — their future opponents in the next five months.

Sydney selector and team-manager Harry Lakmaker told SOCCER WORLD that sweeping changes could be expected.

"DILEMMA"

"After the Sydney team's pathetic display against the scratch Yugoslav team, the selectors face a big dilemma.

"Either the Sydney team suffered a temporary lapse and their form was too bad to be true or they are unable to match a team which plays with a set style like the Yugoslavs did the other night" he said.

"If that is the case, I envisage sweeping changes and my co-selectors agree that the whole squad will have to be altered if we are to beat the Peruvians," he added.

The selectors feel that better ball players must be brought into the squad.

Players like Gauto, Rodriguez, Fernandez and particularly Krgin, who is now playing some of the best football seen from a forward in Sydney this season, would add class to the team.

After last week's debacle I would only retain three players from the current representative team: Lord, Kelly and Blitz.

Lord is still our best goalkeeper despite a lapse in form as Corrie is still a little "green" for international honors.

Kelly is practically immovable as he is the squad's coach and will always be picked automatically, even though he has slumped recently.

Blitz is the best right winger in Australia but must be continually "fed" to give his best, which certainly was not the case last Wednesday night.

UNDESERVING

The other eight, on current performances, do not deserve international honors.

Rusalen was not a success at right full back, but would be a good centre-half.

Sherwin is a useful player but not in international class.

I would not rate Woods among the top six centre halves in Sydney, while Dunaj has lost all his verve and needs a long rest as he has had a surfeit of football.

Ninaus is only in the team on past performances and Jeffrey is likely to leave Australia before the Peruvian tour.

Scheinflug has had a poor season this year and never did anything to deserve representative selection.

Barnett, in splendid form earlier in the season has been on the downgrade for the last month and cannot be retained in the squad.

Lou Gautier

These four former British stars may swing Sunday's semifinal in favor of South Coast. At top on left is Jim Kelly (ex-Blackpool) with Jim Harris (ex-Blackpool), at bottom John Doherty (ex-Fulham) and Graham Barnett (ex-Halifax).

CRAVEN 'A' CUP NEWS!

The £5,000 Craven 'A' Australia Cup, soccer's first nationally sponsored club competition, sets a new high level to the support W.D. & H.O. Wills have given the game. In recent years the Company has aided soccer financially in every State capital and Newcastle.

At the end of the competition proper, 24 teams from five States will become eligible to compete for the £5,000 Craven 'A' Australia Cup, the richest prize in the code's history.

Mike Jurecki's Polonia of Melbourne will be one of the favorites. The speedy Pole is pictured here jumping high in a recent match against Wilhelmina, another Cup prospect.

Last weekend these clubs occupied those positions on the respective tables which would give them a berth in the Craven 'A' Australia Cup:

NEW SOUTH WALES		STH. AUSTRALIA		QUEENSLAND	
Prague	36 p.	Juventus	29 p.	Hellenic	29 p.
APIA	31 p.	Budapest	23 p.	Azzurri	26 p.
Sth. Coast Utd.	30 p.	Croatia	20 p.	Latrobe	25 p.
Pan Hellenic	30 p.	Polonia	19 p.	Merton	22 p.
VICTORIA		**NORTH N.S.W.**		**TASMANIA**	
J.U.S.T.	30 p.	Wallsend	22 p.	Olympia	28 p.
Polonia	29 p.	West Wallsend	22 p.	Rangers	28 p.
George Cross	27 p.	Awaba	21 p.	Juventus	28 p.
Wilhelmina	20 p.	Newcastle Austral	18 p.	Rapid	24 p.

HEAVY-HANDED

Two weeks ago small, fragile Mladen Krgin, Budapest's right winger broke his thumb in the 30th minute against APIA.

However, he put on a "blinder" in the second half, playing with his right hand in splints and bandage.

When he cut the APIA defence to ribbons for the umpteenth time, a Budapest fan exclaimed:

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NATIONAL SCENE

● Rain played havoc with the first round of the Sydney Federation Cup.

Saturday's double-header at Wentworth Park was called off and will now be played mid-week at a date to be announced.

Yugal showed a return to form to outclass Pan Hellenic but the highlight of the round was the good form of second division clubs Polonia and Balgownie who eliminated Auburn and Bankstown respectively.

● Wallsend won the Newcastle premiership for the first time since 1959.

They won on goal-average from West Wallsend with Awaba third and Newcastle Austral fourth.

The final Newcastle table reads: Wallsend 22 West Wallsend 22, Awaba 21, Newcastle Austral 18, Adamstown 18, Lake Macquarie 17, Cessnock 17, Cardiff 16, Maitland 16, Merewether 13.

Merewether are relegated and Mayfield promoted.

● Polonia lost top place to JUST for the first time this season in Victoria.

While Polonia could only force a scoreless draw with Slavia, JUST made no mistake in its match and beat Lions 7-0.

The fourth place is still wide open with Wilhelmina in the "box seat" with one game in hand.

● Adelaide's Federation Cup saw another Hellas triumph.

Juventus thrashed Orange 5-0 and Cumberland overwhelmed fancied Croatia 4-1, living up to their reputation of being a typical cup specialist.

Shock result of the quarter-finals was Elizabeth's 1-1 draw with Austria.

● In Queensland Blackstone, Azzurri, Hellenic and Latrobe qualified for the semi-finals of the Federation K.O. Cup.

Blackstone's rather easy win over Merton, last year's champions, was the only surprise of a high-scoring round.

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EDITORIAL

Committee no wonder drug

Sydney's self-styled "Fact-Finding Committee", established by seven well meaning club officials and ex-presidents, aims to discover a cure-all for the ails of our soccer.

Little are they deterred by the fact that most of the causes of our present stagnation are known to every locker-room attendant.

Being mainly overworked businessmen, the "outer seven" are hardly likely to go out and dig up new facts which have been concealed from others.

Also, lacking the power to summon witnesses to appear before them, they are likely to go on old assumptions and shopworn convictions — an abortive enterprise from the very start.

Federation officials, notably the management committee, view the F.F.C.'s vague activities rather suspiciously, possibly sensing some threat to their status.

What so far neither side has realised is that most, if not all, the resurgents are present or past administrators in their own right and as such have had ample opportunities to institute reforms and remedy the ills of our code the proper, legitimate way.

We all know that soccer's present administration is not perfect, but we also doubt whether the "outer seven" could do any better.

If any individuals or committees were sincere and farsighted enough in their efforts to streamline our soccer administration, they would start from scratch.

It is of little use to single out a few minor issues and make them look the pivotal points in the entire structure.

Neither the present administration nor any other committee will achieve much more than a few private deals until they learn to view our soccer life in a perspective:

Where are we now, where do we want to go, how can we get there, what are the means at our disposal — and what are our handicaps?

These basic questions need the attention of a few well-trained brains and none of them can be treated in a reckless, hit-and-run fashion.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

With Paul DEAN

LONDON TEAMS REAP CONTINENTAL SUCCESS

Just before the start of their league season, two leading London clubs made a quick and successful visit to the Continent.

Chelsea, just promoted to the first division drew a crowd of 20,000 in Budapest where they defeated second placed MTK 3-1.

The usually highly critical Budapest Press gave raving notices to the Londoners, praising their fast, direct style of soccer.

Young Terry Venables, Chelsea's brilliant right half, stopper Mortimore and inside right Tambling delighted the Budapest crowd.

The same week London's other great side, Arsenal went to Hamburg to play highly rated HSV.

Before 27,000 spectators the game ended in a 2-2 draw — after the English team had led 2-0 with five minutes to go.

Considering that in Hamburg such brilliant teams as CF Barcelona, Real Madrid, Hungary and Santos all had to be content with a draw in the last two years, Arsenal's result must be heartening for the London fans.

Two players stood out in a remarkably good team: forward Eastham and stopper Brown who all but "ate" Germany's international centre forward Uwe Seeler.

ENGLAND

John Charles, the much-travelled (Leeds, Juventus, Leeds, AS Roma) Wales international, is back at Cardiff where he started.

Transferred by Roma for a mere £30,000, Charles, now 33, wants to settle down in Cardiff for good.

Hovewer, he will retain his business interests in Italy which include a smart restaurant in Turin.

YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade soccer officialdom pins its hopes on "enfant terrible" Sekularac to win their important European Nations' Cup tie against Sweden on September 18.

Sekularac was suspended for 18 months in September 1962 for hitting a referee — his second long suspension in three years.

Now he received a hurried "amnesty" and will lead the Yugoslav attack in Malmo.

Unless, of course, he is suspended once more.

SWITZERLAND

Each Swiss league club is allowed to have one foreigner on its books.

Clubs within 12 miles of the Swiss border may have two more foreigners in their team from the country which their city borders.

In first division this special concession concerns Basle, Schaffhausen, Servette Geneva and Chiasso.

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Last season Young Boys drew the best gates with an average of 10,000.

They were followed by Lausanne (8,200) and Servette (8,100).

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Servette of Geneva have decided to try and hold their trainings every weekday afternoon.

Coach Leduc is enthusiastic about the idea but the players are not.

They all have jobs as Swiss players are all part-time professionals.

AUSTRIA

A players' strike is threatening in Rapid for higher wages.

Coach Binder, however, is determined to resist the players' challenge and reportedly wants to field a junior side in the championship rather than give in.

Yugoslavia's Milanovic, after two years with Le Havre, has joined Rapid — to find himself in the very midst of club turmoil.

HUNGARY

Last year's champion team, Vasas have lost their coach Rudolf Ilovszky.

For 15 years he was a player and then for another six years the coach of the Budapest team.

Ilovszky now wants to try his luck abroad and his replacement will be found later.

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Only one club — Ferencváros — has been playing in Hungary's first division uninterrupted since 1901.

MTK was there since 1903 but between 1940 and 1944 the club was banned by the government.

Both Ferencváros and MTK won 18 championships each, followed by Ujpest with nine titles.

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Ferencváros, the current Hungarian champions, receive 22 per cent of their budget from State subsidies.

However, this is relatively little compared with MTK and Vasas, also of Budapest, which receive 55 and 57 per cent of their revenue from State handouts.

All three clubs cater for up to 19 other sports apart from soccer and have an average of 1,300 registered and competing sportsmen and women.

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Two of the best Hungarian forwards, Albert and Tichy are colleagues.

Albert is a young trainee journalist with the Hungarian wire agency MTI while Tichy is a photo-reporter.

DENMARK

Former Danish international, Sophus Nielsen died recently at the age of 75.

Nielsen's fame was established at the 1908 London Olympics where the Danes defeated France 17-1.

Of their goals Nielsen himself scored 10 which still stands as a record in international matches.

ITALY

Torino's newest acquisition comes from South Africa and his name is Kalamazoo.

The new Juventus forward, Nene of Brazil, is really called Claudio Olinto dos Santos.

AC Milan's veteran goalkeeper Ghezzi has retired at 33, after writing a moving letter to technical director Viani.

— o —

Masetti, former goalkeeper of AS Roma and Italy, has an interesting theory about the make-up of goalies.

He claims that the goalkeeper spends some 75 per cent of nervous energy during a match, as opposed to only 25 per cent of physical energy.

Outfield players, Masetti says, are exactly the reverse.

This explains, he adds, why most goalkeepers are considered "crazy" by their teammates and the public.

PORTUGAL

Benfica have just paid £90,000 for four new players — all locals.

The greatest capture is Serafim from FC Porto for £33,000.

Other newcomers to the champion club are Yauka from Belenenses, Luciano of Olhanenses and Vitor of Santarem.

BRAZIL

A whole world sat up and listened when Pele recently announced in Barcelona:

"On August 31, 1965, my contract with Santos expires and I'll be free to leave."

However, the same Pele, when given a new car by an admirer after a great effort, was also reported as saying:

"How could you leave a country where supporters are so generous?"

SPAIN

Barcelona's new coach, Cesar has been given a free hand by the club for one year.

A former Barcelona player himself, Cesar found only Gracia and Segarra in the team from among his old mates.

In the camp of rival Real Madrid, coach Munoz said he was still basing the team's style on the inimitable Di Stefano.

"He has the brain, ability and authority to carry the team", said Munoz.

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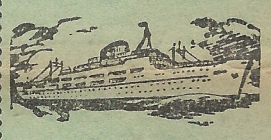
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IN VICTORIA ONLY TWO SEMIFINAL BERTHS HAVE BEEN DECIDED AND THE RELEGATION ISSUE IS ALSO OPEN, SETTING THE STAGE FOR A REMARKABLE FINISH. THIS WEEK —

SOLID JUST MAY PULL EVEN FURTHER AHEAD

— From LEN STONE in Melbourne —

With a resounding win over Lions, J.U.S.T. went on top of the ladder and, on present form, will take some shifting.

Polonia could only draw with Slavia in a good game and slipped to second place.

Fine teamwork enabled Hakoah to hold Juventus to a draw but both these great teams have slipped as a soccer force.

George Cross won a boring game against Richmond at Olympic Park without being extended.

On Saturday at Olympic Park Slavia will play Juventus and on Sunday a huge crowd is expected at the Park to see the clash between George Cross and Polonia.

George Cross v. Polonia

The match of the round and battle of the giants.

Polonia, with their premiership capabilities questioned, will be flat out but George Cross will be battling just as hard to keep their premiership hopes alive, however slim they may appear.

Polonia will have to watch brilliant George Cross winger Archie Campbell, a potential match winner, while the experienced George Cross defence will have to keep their mind on Victorian top scorer Jankowski.

A great game which could go either way with a draw not unlikely.

J.U.S.T. v. Richmond

The champions - elect appear stronger, cleverer and in the top spot, determined to stay there.

JUST centre forward Ivan Pikl showed his worth with four goals last week and if recovered from his injury will give Richmond's seasoned defenders Glennie and Berry a torrid time.

JUST are carrying too many big guns for the wooden-spooners and these include Rusmir, Rice and Stankovic who will be too experience for Richmond.

Croatia v. Lions

A vital game for both teams and a chance for the winner to come out of the danger zone.

Croatia showed the better form of these two sides last week and should be too strong and mobile for the Lions whose big guns Voigt, De Brueyekere and Tucker have to carry too much of the side's burden.

The duels between Fernie, Croatia's spearhead and Lions pivot F. Marth will have a great bearing on the game.

Slavia v. Juventus

Juventus may be helped by the Slavia forwards' apparent inability to score goals but Slavia have their eye on the final four.

With some luck in front of goal, they may boost those hopes by scrambling through a tough and hard fought struggle against out of form Juventus.

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina

This should be a crowd - pleasing game between two sides which do not lack physical strength.

Hakoah's full backs Alexander and Waugh are very reliable and with the other steady defenders should be good enough to hold the Wilhelmina forward line.

Wilhelmina will have Peterssen back again after a week's suspension and he will be certain to give the attack a lift but this could easily end in a draw.

Melbourne v. SM Hellas

The Hellas side is back in the final four calculations and hope to win what is likely to be a worrying clash for them.

With relegation trouble over their heads, Melbourne - Hungaria are sure to play with increased purpose and fire.

Hellas pivot Kourkolakos will have the job of the day in curbing the lively Melbourne centre forward Molloy and I expect him to do well if he keeps cool.

If Hellas can overcome their complacency and Anderson can reproduce his last week's form, they should win narrowly.

Melbourne results

STATE LEAGUE

Hellas v. Croatia: 1-0 (0-0)
Scorer: Anderson.
Crowd: 3,700.

Juventus v. Hakoah: 1-1 (0-1)
Scorers: Seenan for Hakoah; Adams own goal for Juventus. **Crowd: 1,000.**

Polonia v. Slavia: 0-0
Crowd: 2,000.

JUST v. Lions: 7-0 (4-0)
Scorers: Pikl 4, Pejkovic, Marinovic, Harris own goal for JUST. **Crowd: 3,500.**

George Cross v. Richmond: 4-0 (2-0)
Scorers: Dalli 2, Campbell, Hogdson. **Crowd: 3,600.**

Wilhelmina v. Melbourne: 3-2 (2-1)
Scorers: Norris 2, Steele for Wilhelmina; Toshak, Molloy for Melbourne.
Crowd: 1,100.

FIRST DIVISION

NORTH. — Coburg 10 d. Williamstown 5; Alexander 4 d. Sunshine City 0; Box Hill 3 d. University 1; Sicilia 2 d. Collingwood 0; Fiorentina 7 d. Corio 0; Moonee Ponds 1 d. Moreland 0.

SOUTH. — Triestina 5 d. Austria 2; Bayswater 5 d. Geelong 1; Yallourn 5 d. Brighton 1; Makedonia 1 d. Dandenong 0; Fern Tree Gully 4 d. South Yarra 3; Sandringham 2 drew with Oakleight 2.

MELBOURNE STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUST	12	6	2	53	22	30
Polonia	12	5	3	59	18	29
George Cross	11	5	4	39	22	27
Wilhelmina	9	2	8	42	37	20
SM-Hellas	6	8	6	26	27	20
Slavia	8	4	8	23	26	20
Juventus	7	4	9	31	36	18
Hakoah	6	5	9	36	41	17
Melbourne	7	2	11	27	33	16
Lions	7	2	10	29	46	16
Croatia	5	6	9	27	44	16
Richmond	2	4	14	19	59	8

VICTORIA CALLING

● **Moreland centre forward Jim Lamour, well known from his club's State League era, has run into top form again, being amongst the goals scored week after week. Several State League clubs are giving this penetrating spearhead more than a causal glance.**

● As was expected, the Metropolitan League clubs have rejected the Federation's plans for the latest promotion and relegation proposals and have called for a special general meeting in order to reopen talks.

● **University player Kees Mulder who collided accidentally with an Alexander player in the recent Olympic Park curtain-raiser was taken to hospital from the ground to have an immediate operation, is still in a serious condition despite an announcement that he was 'comfortable'. The student's medical bill will be very high in view of the two complicated brain operations, and the club is appealing for help. P. R. Penry-Williams of 87 Elgar Road Burwood should be contacted.**

● JUST's recently imported winger from England, Cec Dixon has not only settled down well with the JUST club but has also built a good career for himself outside soccer. He has become an efficient salesman with a firm of car dealers at Preston.

● **Former Wrexham star Tommy Anderson who recently transferred from George Cross to South Melbourne Hellas is playing a vital role in the club's efforts to finish on a high note. Hellas are likely to have competition from the other top Greek club Alxander, a most progressive club with a good chance of promotion to the State League. The club with the better record is likely to gain the support of the large Greek community.**

● Despite the difficulties of promotion of soccer in schools and man-made obstacles, more and more boys are playing the round ball game in Victoria. Recently a headmaster from a Melbourne school said this: "Thanks to me, no soccer is played in my school." Now it has been learned that the White Hills Technical school in Bendigo has banned the use of school funds for soccer equipment.

● **By defeating their closest rivals Austria 5-2 at Olympic Park last Sunday, Triestina became premiers of the Metropolitan first division South. Their record is 18 wins, two draws and only one defeat. They have one more match to play but this has no bearing on their final placing.**

● With one round to be played in the first division North, it is still a great struggle between Alexander and Fiorentina. Former Victorian giants Box Hill and Moreland occupy third and fourth place.

● **Former Hakoah skipper Terry Hartley was the best player on the field in the match between Juventus and Hakoah at Elstenwick Park last Saturday. Playing at left full back he proved that his old club made a mistake in letting him go to Juventus where he settled down well into their style of play.**

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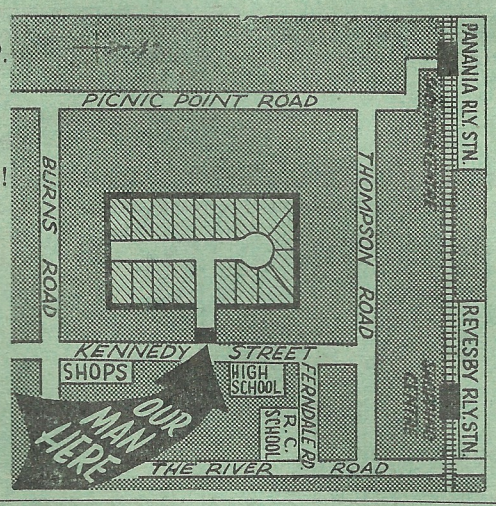

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First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	17	2	3	75	30	36
APIA	14	3	5	70	38	31
S. Coast U.	13	4	5	55	31	30
P. Hellenic	12	6	4	56	37	30
Gladesville	11	4	7	44	37	26
Budapest	8	5	9	41	39	21
Canterbury	7	6	9	37	45	20
Yugal	9	1	12	45	64	19
Hakoah	3	8	11	41	59	14
Bankstown	7	—	15	36	60	14
Croatia	4	4	14	35	60	12
Auburn	5	1	16	33	68	11

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	21	1	—	88	16	43
Polonia-NS	14	3	5	60	22	31
Balgownie	15	1	6	58	35	31
Syd. Austral	13	1	8	46	41	27
Granville-AEK	11	3	8	54	40	25
M. Eagles	11	2	9	54	44	24
Sutherland	9	4	9	58	56	22
Concordia	10	2	9	38	40	22
Blacktown	7	3	12	39	45	17
Thistle	4	2	15	28	66	10
Manly	2	1	18	26	75	5
Toongabbie	2	1	19	24	89	5

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	15	1	5	51	35	31
Canterbury	12	4	6	48	31	28
Budapest	13	1	8	58	51	27
S. Coast U.	12	2	8	66	32	26
Prague	12	2	8	65	56	26
P. Hellenic	11	2	8	40	30	24
Gladesville	12	—	10	44	39	24
Hakoah	8	2	10	60	42	18
APIA	6	3	12	44	68	15
Croatia	5	5	12	38	77	15
Auburn	6	2	13	37	53	14
Yugal	5	—	15	31	65	10

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	15	4	3	68	22	34
Gladesville	15	4	3	50	23	34
S. Coast U.	13	6	3	64	26	32
Hakoah	13	2	6	41	15	28
Bankstown	12	4	6	47	23	28
Prague	9	5	7	58	41	23
Budapest	8	4	9	34	37	20
P. Hellenic	6	5	9	30	46	17
Auburn	6	3	11	32	49	15
Yugal	7	1	13	20	49	15
APIA	3	2	14	23	57	8
Croatia	—	2	19	9	85	2

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	17	4	2	87	16	38
Balgownie	15	5	1	66	25	35
Polonia-NS	15	4	3	62	35	34
Granville-AEK	15	1	6	65	35	31
Syd. Austral	12	—	10	67	55	24
M. Eagles	8	3	11	43	52	19
Blacktown	7	4	11	37	50	18
Thistle	8	2	11	33	51	18
Sutherland	7	2	13	29	47	16
Toongabbie	3	4	15	27	65	10
Manly	3	3	14	29	55	9
Concordia	4	1	17	23	87	9

AMATEUR DIVISION
FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	16	2	1	62	21	34
Hornsby-N-End	12	1	5	90	34	25
Belmore	12	—	6	76	54	24
Lidcombe	9	5	5	48	33	23
Nth Bankstown	9	4	6	53	45	22
Sydney Uni.	9	3	6	82	51	21
Kingsford Int.	9	2	6	42	47	21
Sth Sydney	9	1	9	56	40	19
C.Y.O.	6	4	11	40	58	16
Uni. NSW	4	1	15	29	90	9
Penrith	3	2	15	32	70	8
Kuring-gai	2	2	16	28	100	6

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
Second & Third Grade

Auburn v. S. Coast U. 3-5 2-6
SCU v. Canterbury 0-0 0-6
APIA v. Budapest 2-3 (2nd gde)
G'ville v. Canterbury 2-0 (3rd gde)
Hakoah v. Budapest 5-1 (3rd gde)

SECOND DIVISION
First & Second Grade

Manly v. Syd. Austral 0-2 3-2
G'-AEK v. Corint's 1-1 (2nd gde)

AMATEUR DIVISION
First & second grade

Sth Sydney v. Penrith 5-0 0-3
Nth Banks'n v. K'-gai 9-3 5-1
C.Y.O. v. Marconi 1-4 0-11
Belmore v. Lidcombe 1-3 0-3
Uni. NSW v. K'ford Int 0-2 1-14

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

AUBURN
0 (0)

POLONIA-N.S.
1 (0)
C. Witczak 58 min.

SOUTH COAST UTD.
5 (1)
M. Johnson 4 & 52 mins., G. Barnett 50, 65 & 75 mins.

BUDAPEST
1 (1)
M. Krgin 6 min.

GLADESVILLE
3 (1)
B. Lewsham 16 min., W. Hume 76 min penalty & 87 min.

APIA
2 (1)
R. McKellar 28 min., J. Wong 53 min.

YUGAL
2 (1)
A. Nincevic 32 min. penalty & 60 min.

PAN HELLENIC
0 (0)

HAKOAH
5 (1)
A. Saghi 20 min., R. Levi 50 & 62 mins., R. Gold 72 & 73 mins.

SYDNEY AUSTRAL
0 (0)

BANKSTOWN
1 (0)
R. Marklew 60 min.

BALGOWNIE
2 (1)
E. Tolhurst 26 min., W. Edwards 68 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

W. Henderson 4; S. Cousins 2, P. Victor 3; N. Towsend 3, J. Pretswell 3, R. Baker 4; F. Murray 2, R. Hall 3, I. Scott 2, N. Tran 3, A. Jeffrey 4.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: R. McLelland**

H. Gronowski 5; F. Rosa 4, J. Cebula 4; *P. Nowacki* 5, B. Boland 4, K. Adamson 3; P. Woodward 2, J. Hajduk 2, R. Gronowski 2, C. Witczak 3, B. Rosik 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: R. Gronowski.**

W. Billington 4; B. Salisbury 3, A. Ringland 4; *J. Kelly* 5, P. Carr 3, M. Tolston 4; B. Harris 3, M. Johnson 4, J. Brownlie 3, *G. Barnett* 5, D. Patterson 3.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: J. Kelly**

N. Sokoloff 4 (injured); D. Buchanan 4, P. Banicevic 3; M. Schaeffer 3, C. Kangyar 2, S. Isaac 4; M. Krgin 4, J. Warren 3, H. Rodriguez 3, L. Heredia 3, T. Zuckermann 3 (replaced by J. Vasvary after Sokoloff's injury).

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: N. Szegedi**

B. Stevens 5; R. Jones 3, P. Keen 3; G. Arnott 3, W. Addison 4, *G. McPhail* 5; S. Turner 3, B. Kelly 3, W. Hume 4, B. Lewsham 3, V. Reynolds 4.

TOTAL: 40 **Coach: W. Murphy**

A. Iglesias 3; C. Van Blerk 4, R. Murua 3; R. McKellar 4, J. Marston 4, P. Hughes 4; B. Ihaksi 3, A. D'Ercole 2, L. Baumgartner 3, J. Wong 4, K. Jaros 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: L. Baumgartner**

Z. Katnic 4; *H. Ringhoff* 5, J. Mucillo 4; L. Lazarevic 4, *M. Stojanovic* 5, F. Dunaj 3; J. Alagich 3, E. Schwarz 4, A. Nincevic 3, J. Medina 3, S. Pacanin 3.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: T. Jelisavcic**

J. Bout 3; N. Yangou 3, C. Omeros 3; J. Romanos 3, N. Rusalen 4, S. Patrinos 3, D. Logan 4, B. Smith 4, J. Eleftheriadis 2, J. Pearson 4, C. Ambos 2.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: J. Vlasits**

R. McGuire 4; V. Mach 4, J. Aird 4; R. McKnight 3, M. Woods 4, T. Maxwell 2; R. Fekete 2, R. Levi 4, H. Ninaus 2, A. Saghi 3, R. Gold 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: M. Woods.**

H. Reckenrich 4; C. De Looper 3, I. Csosz 2; R. Ferguson 2, L. Van Haaren 3, K. Pronk 3; J. Vuesting 3, J. Van der Wall 2. R. McRitchie 2, R. Koens 2. J. Stoove 3.

TOTAL: 29 **Coach: J. Van der Wall.**

W. Rorke 3; R. McNeil 3, E. West 3; R. Cowling 3, S. Devlin 3, K. Woods 3; N. Neal 2, G. Obermann 2, N. Stiffle 3, R. Marklew 3, T. Yates 2.

TOTAL: 30 **Coach: N. Stiffle**

P. Delhaus 4; G. Soldi 4, H. Egbers 3; P. Peters 4, A. Cristlo 3, N. Ryan 3; W. Edwards 3, N. Trotter 3, R. Niperess 3, J. Niperess 3, E. Tolhurst 4.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: P. Peters.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A mediocre match with the sudden-death atmosphere the only redeeming, worthwhile feature. Both sets of forwards were atrocious, Jeffrey alone showing any imagination on the field. Polonia-N.S. were the better all-round team, their defence was safer and goalie Gronowski was the hero of the match despite the slippery conditions. The Polonia right flank was practically non-existent, messing up countless scoring chances. A 6-5 win for Polonia-N.S. would have been a better indication of the general trend of the match.

Referee F. Sbisa was excellent.

Crowd: 500 (double- header).

— RICK BRUCE

This match produced plenty of good football and was played at a fast tempo throughout. Budapest were the better team in the first half but suffered a "mortal" blow when Sokoloff had to be carried off the field after 10 minutes in the second half. He was replaced by outside left Zuckermann and Vasvary came on the field. To make things worse for the visitors Banicevic missed a penalty. South Coast although without J. Harris and Doherty never let up, Kelly and Barnett inspiring their team mates to a typical cup-tie win.

Referee Boskovic was very good.

Crowd: 500 (double-header).

— RICK BRUCE

Despite the shocking surface at Woonona Oval both teams turned on quite a good display of typical cup-tie football. APIA had the upper hand in the first half but were unlucky to strike goalie Stevens in great form. APIA went to a 2-1 lead early in the second half and looked like having the game all sewn up when Hume equalized against the run of play practically on full-time. Gladesville took charge of the match during extra time, scoring the winning goal three minutes before the end.

Referee S. Pundyk controlled a tough match to everybody's satisfaction.

Crowd: 2,000 (double- header).

— BRIAN CANNON

A fast, interesting match easily won by Yugal. Pan Hellenic never troubled their opponents who always had their measure. Yugal had too much science for the faster but technically outclassed Pan Hellenic. The winners displayed some very pretty midfield pattern football and showed dash in the forwards but Pan Hellenic had no cohesion whatsover, performing with alarming mediocrity a week before their semifinal.

Referee R. Pearce was good.

Crowd: 6,000 (double-header).

— LOU GAUTIER

Hakoah, despite a very poor showing, were untroubled to crush sub-standard Sydney Austral in one of the season's worst matches. Sydney Austral, possibly jaded after their qualifying match the previous day, never played like a team and showed a complete lack of basic fundamental skills. They never even looked like scoring a goal but Hakoah could have notched a dozen with any sort of a forward line. Sydney Austral, on the day, looked no better than a first division third grade side.

Referee Jones controlled a clean match well.

Crowd: 6,000 (double-header). — LOU GAUTIER

Balgownie fully deserved to beat jaded Bankstown in a poor match which never thrilled the crowd despite the local underdogs' success. Balgownie were well on top in the first half but had to weather a constant second half Bankstown "bombardment". The Sydney forwards, however, were unable to score more than one goal in a torrid last 15 minutes. Balgownie deserved their win because they were faster to the ball and more determined. Bankstown appeared bored and disinterested in the whole affair, and played accordingly.

Referee Eilerts was good.

Crowd: 2,000 (double- header).

— BRIAN CANNON

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IN SUNDAY'S GREAT CLASH —

STH. COAST'S BETTER FORM MAY SEE THEM THROUGH TO FINAL

Sunday's first semifinal is bound to bring together two of the competition's fittest teams.

Both play a very open, direct kind of football with emphasis on the through ball and heavy tackling.

At best, South Coast are capable of stirring displays, as they proved against Prague a few weeks ago.

Their a l l - conquering bursts often combine with deft, clever touches reminiscent of a solid English side.

At worst, they reduce their game to seemingly aimless wild rushing, as against APIA at the Sports Ground.

Pan Hellenic have never claimed to strive for scientific or even spectacular soccer.

Theirs is a simplified version of South European brand characterised by boundless enthusiasm, incredible determination and moderate polish.

On a given day, when the ball runs for them, Pan Hellenic are just about the hardest team to beat.

For the past fortnight having reportedly trained daily and spoonfed on nuts, honey and maybe seaweeds, the Pan Hellenic players must be jumping out of their skin.

If the honey therapy works, South Coast may experience the stings of Hellenic's bumble bee.

They defend tigerishly and attack with the fury of a maniac.

On other days, they look ordinary indeed, smashing the ball upfield without purpose.

Individually Sth. Coast's defence looks slightly superior, mainly because of fewer weaknesses.

In the forward line Sth. Coast rely heavily on the Harris - Barnett - Doherty trio to snatch goals.

If two of these are out of touch, their attack is liable to break down altogether.

Pan Hellenic's forwards are all individualists but their ranks are better balanced than their opponents'.

With two speedy wingers and goal-geting inside trio, we are inclined to rate them above South Coast's somewhat lopsided forward line.

With so much at stake, both teams will go all out for an early goal which in such ties can be decisive.

Pan Hellenic are the better starters and this may give them a slight advantage.

However, we still feel that South Coast's few outstanding individuals like Kelly, Doherty and the two Harrises, will have too much class for Pan Hellenic and tip them to win a close ,exciting game.

Our forecast: 3-2 for South Coast.

— PAUL DEAN

How wet is wet?

Hundreds of bewildered fans were locked out of Wentworth Park last Saturday when ground manager Paddy Gray decreed that the pitch was unfit for play.

Players, officials and supporters of Federation Cup participants Prague, Canterbury, Croatia and Corinthians milled outside the ground in utter confusion.

Although the Federation has no control over the whims of tyrannical Sydney groundsmen, members of the promotion committee should have set up notices outside the ground telling spectators that the matches had been cancelled.

Ground manager Gray's decision to cancel Saturday's double-header is hard to follow.

The rain on Saturday morning was not so heavy that it warranted the postponement.

It is ironical that on Sunday, after a night of heavy downpours and morning showers until 9 a.m., the ground was O.K.'d by the groundsman.

6,000 spectators saw a pitch in good condition and could not understand how the ground could have possibly been declared "unfit for play" the previous day.

Woonona Oval, saturated with rain, however was ruled fit for play on Saturday and Sunday although it had rained much more heavily on the South Coast.

Because of the lack of co-operation between groundsmen and soccer officials, the code was again held up to ridicule last Saturday when overy other sport was played as scheduled.

LOU GAUTIER

The Pan Hellenic team which hopes to qualify for the preliminary final on Sunday. — Top, from left: N. Yangou, C. Perkins, S. Patrinos, J. Bout, B. Smith, N. Rusalen, coach Joe Vlasits. Bottom: C. Ambos, J. Eleftheriadis, D. Logan, J. Pearson, C. Omeros. — No. 88.

SOUTH COAST UNITED

W. BILLINGTON

B. SALISBURY A. RINGLAND

J. KELLY J. HARRIS M. TOLSTON

M. JOHNSON G. BARNETT

B. HARRIS J. DOHERTY D. PATTERSON

C. AMBOS J. ELEFTHERIADIS D. LOGAN

J. PEARSON B. SMITH

S. PATRINOS N. RUSALEN C. PERKINS

C. OMEROS N. YANGOU

J. BOUT

PAN HELLENIC

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC Linesmen: Timms, Woolman.

Odds are against P. Hellenic

The Pan Hellenic v. South Coast United semifinal is the first semifinal between third and fourth placed teams to be played on a Sunday.

All six previous semifinals were played on Saturdays, with the second semifinal between the premiers and runners-up staged on the Sunday.

This year for the first time there will be a week's break between the two semifinals.

This should create an attendance record for the first semifinal, eclipsing last year's crowd of nearly 12,000 for the Saturday Sports Ground game between Yugal and APIA.

The odds are against Pan Hellenic winning as on only two previous occasions the fourth placed team has reached the preliminary final.

In 1959 Hakoah eliminated Corrimal and last year Yugal beat APIA, otherwise the odds have favored the third place-getter.

Results of previous Federation first semi-finals:

1957: Bankstown 3 (P. Stone, C. Miller, J. Buchan) d. Gladesville 2 (S. Sherwin, R. Byers). **Crowd:** 3,281.

1958: Auburn 2 (L. Quested 2) d. Prague 1 (M. Mueller). **Crowd:** 4,516.

1959: Hakoah 4 (R. Burgoyne 2, F. Hearn, W. Wesely) d. Corrimal 2 (K. Learmonth, R. Burns). **Crowd:** 3,784.

1960: Canterbury 2 (L. Baumgartner, B. Smith) d. Auburn 0. **Crowd:** 5,100.

1961: Hakoah 1 (W. Hume) d. Pan Hellenic 0. **Crowd:** 9,250.

1962: Yugal 3 (H. Ringhoff, I. Milankovic, A. Nincevic) d. APIA 2 (P. Turella, L. Baumgartner). **Crowd:** 11,964.

Vienna interlude

The excellent German language weekly of Sydney, DIE WOCHE last week republished two interviews with former Sydney players Adolf Blutsch and Ned Bulatovic.

The interviews originally appeared in Vienna's WELT AM MONTAG.

This is what Blutsch, now playing for the crack FK Austria-Wien, had to say about us:

"I am surprised that Australia rejoined FIFA because their standard will fall back.

"Enterprising managers no longer have a chance to import classy European players.

"Earnings of players in Australia cannot be compared with those in Austria.

"When I went out there, straight after my arrival they placed a house at my disposal; with bonuses and other extras one could even put some neat sums aside.

"Only a month ago two Sydney men visited me and tried to persuade me to return there.

"I declined because while financially I may be worse here, Vienna is still the loveliest city in the world for me."

Bulatovic, who returned to Europe when FIFA had failed to give him a clearance to play here any longer, said this:

"Soccer in Australia is still terribly backward, without a proper standard and with primitive playing conditions.

"In that country I couldn't stand it even for half a year and so after three months bade farewell to the land of the kangaroos."

Blutsch, obviously the more honest of the two, added this to Bulatovic's comments:

"Bulatovic perhaps imagined that in Sydney a man can earn a fortune effortlessly.

"But he was wrong: in Sydney they pay only for really top performances."

(P.S.: During most of his two seasons in Sydney, Blutsch was one of the State's best wing halves. Bulatovic, on the other hand, made Yugal's first team only after some weeks in the reserves and even then failed to live up to his reputation.)

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

SECOND DIVISION SEMIFINALS

C'THIANS v. B'GOWNIE — S. Athl. Field 1.15 p.m. (Reserve Grade)

C'THIANS v. POLONIA NS — S. Athl. Field 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

FIRST DIVISION SEMIFINALS

HAKOAH v. S.C.U. — S. Sports Grd. 11.45 p.m. (Third grade)

BUDAPEST v. S.C.U. — S. Sports Grd. 1.15 p.m. (Second grade)

P. HELLENIC v. S.C.U. — S. Sports Grd. 3.00 p.m

SECOND DIVISION SEMIFINALS

POLONIA v. GRANVILLE— S. Athl. Field 1.15 p.m. (Second grade)

B'GO'NIE v. S. AUSTRAL— S. Athl. Field 3.00 p.m

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SECOND DIVISION FINALS

SECOND GRADE — S. Athl. Field 1.15 p.m

FIRST GRADE — S. Athl. Field 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FIRST DIVISION SEMIFINALS

C'TERBURY v. GL'VILLE — S. Sports Grd. 11.45 p.m. (Third grade)

C'TERBURY v. BANKST. — S. Sports Grd. 1.15 p.m. (Second grade)

PRAGUE v. APIA — S. Sports Grd. 3.00 p.m.

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LINE-UPS FOR EARLY MATCHES

STH. COAST UTD. v. HAKOAH (3rd grd.)

S.C.U.: I. Astill; B. Lincoln, G. Curtain; I. Potter, G. Gibson, C. De Bruin; R. Logan, C. Sharpley, M. Atkins, V. Freeme, N. Telfor.

Hakoah: P. Fuzes; G. Sugar, A. Raymond; G. Stafford, F. Waldman, A. Coutts; G. Siou, W. Hauer, M. Lissing, J. Clark, R. Bertinetti.

REFEREE: **J. SCIFLEET**

LINESMEN: **Jones — Eilerts**

STH. COAST UTD. v. BUDAPEST (2nd grd.)

G. BAKER	1	J. NUELL
N. BRISBY	2	P. GLASS
K. BENNETT	3	T. CONLON
L. GAZDAG	4	L. KELL
L. MECHTLER	5	R. LAYTON
R. GRANT	6	P. CARR
A. HILLHOUSE	7	P. BEATTY
J. VASVARY	8	R. BURNS
L. POLYANSZKI	9	T. WEEKES
V. FERNANDEZ	10	J. ROWLES
E. DYER	11	S. BARNABO

REFEREE: **K. LOCKREY**

LINESMEN: **Buchan — Irons**

THE ALL-CONQUERING CHAMPIONS, JUVENTUS ARE ONLY A STEP AWAY FROM ANOTHER SUCCESS, THAT OF REACHING THE FEDERATION CUP FINAL. BUT ON SATURDAY —

Cumberland could spring big surprise

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Cumberland and Juventus will meet at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday in the first semifinal of the Federation Cup.

The Cumberland goalscoring machinery compares much less favorably with that of Juventus as the premiers have scored 18 more league goals than their semi-final opponents.

Two weeks ago Juventus brought Arnold Jennings back into the side at wing-half.

The advent of the former State player was the signal for Juventus to revert to the 4-2-4 system.

The method succeeded handsomely against Orange last week and will probably be used again on Saturday.

Juventus — a team of undoubted class — must be chosen to qualify for the final, but Cumberland's cup-conscious team should push the favorites every inch of the way.

Cumberland have never won a first division premiership but have an outstanding record in cup competitions.

The Edwardstown side figured in the "Advertiser Cup" final of 1960 and reached the semi-finals of the Jaxen Cup in 1961 and in 1962.

Despite their brilliant cup history Cumberland, on paper, do not appear powerful enough to eliminate the mighty all-conquering Juventus.

During the league season just completed Cumberland conceded only three more goals than Juventus, a fact which indicates that the "chocolate and golds' have a defence almost the equal of Juventus.

S.A. FEDERATION CUP SEMIFINAL
Hindmarsh Stadium
Saturday

Juventus: Biasol; Di Bartolo, Pagani; Kristensen, Rossetto, Jennings; Moriarty, Chiappin, Donnelly, Crawford, Howlett. — RESERVES: Govelli, Fiovoranti, Lod.

Cumberland: Homan; Lock, Harlow; McFarlane, Shuttleworth, Renfrew, Peterson, Stockley, McKenzie, McKinnell, O'Sullivan. — RESERVES: Jansen, Connell, Smith.

QUARTERFINAL REPLAY:
Austria v. Elizabeth
Ramsey Park, Elizabeth, Saturday.

THREE IN SEMIS WITH EASY WINS

Juventus, Cumberland and Hellas qualified for the semifinals of the Federation Cup by winning their quarter-final games last Saturday.

The Austria v. Elizabeth quarter-final ended in a draw and will be replayed at Elizabeth on Saturday.

Hellas v. Enfield 4-1

Hellas emerged from the rain-soaked Hindmarsh Stadium covered in mud and glory after this overwhelming win.

Spurred on by vociferous partisans, Hellas scored twice in the first 20 minutes to demoralise Enfield.

Hellas added two second-half goals before Enfield netted a face saving goal five minutes from full-time.

The usually reliable Enfield defence failed to cope with the enthusiastic Hellas attack.

Inside-forwards Orr and Robinson covered a tremendous amount of ground while the Hellas wingers Staub and Sheeky were always well placed to cut through the Enfield back-lines.

The entire Hellas side rose to the occasion in superb fashion and on this showing must be favored to qualify for the final.

Enfield won more of their share of mid-field kicks than the final score suggests but their half-backs, Jack Mather, Charlie McRae and Tom Forde faced the heart-breaking task of "feeding" an inadequate attack.

Scorers — Hellas: Staub 2, Orr, Worthington; **Enfield:** Roper.

How they lined up — **Hellas:** Flesas; Stathi, Coombs; Gaialis, Papadopoulos, Zacharagis; Staub, Orr, Worthington, Robinson, Sheeky.

Enfield: Calderbank; Page, P. Hemingway; Forde, Mather, McRae; Mapstone, Baker, Roper, Farrell, D. Hemingway.

Orange v. Juventus 0-5

The 1963 Champions and Federation Cup favorites coasted to an easy win over the first division wooden-spooners.

Juventus enjoyed almost immediate success when Dave Howlett scored in the third minute of play.

Orange fought back to be right in the picture until Tom Crawford netted a long shot after 12 minutes and then Juventus over-ran the opposition.

Scorers — Juventus: Crawford 2, Moriarty, Govelli, Howlett.

Croatia v. C'berland 1-4

The Cumberland "hoodoo" over Croatia at Hanson Reserve held firm as the Edwardstown side shattered Croatia's cup hopes.

With the wind behind them in the first half Cumberland made the most of their opportunities to set up a commanding three-goal lead.

A penalty from Slager was Croatia's only reply to Cumberland's mastery.

Late in the game Peter Jaksa was ordered off by referee Bill Hosie for alleged striking.

Having convincingly defeated Victoria 4-0 on the previous Wednesday, Croatia's display against Cumberland was unpredictable and disappointing.

Scorers — Cumberland: Peterson 2, McKinnel, Stockley. **Croatia:** Slager.

Austria v. Elizabeth 1-1

Gallant Elizabeth forced their strong first division opponents to a well deserved draw and will fight it out again on Saturday at Ramsey Park.

Austria looked to have their semi-final berth secure when they led by an Eichmann goal at the interval but Elizabeth recovered with a score from Woods.

Under normal circumstances extra-time would have been played but referee T. Frost ruled that the light was too poor for play to continue.

Austria forward Helmut Sever was sent-off during the second-half.

Scorers — Austria: Eichmann; **Elizabeth:** Woods.

Crisp Comments

The San Remo Cup will be presented to the Juventus team at the Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday before the kick-off of the Federation Cup semifinal between Juventus and Cumberland.

The San Remo Cup, which goes to the premiership winners each season, will be handed over by popular San Remo executive Aldo Crotti.

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Although there was excitement galore at Hindmarsh last Saturday, the thrills were not confined to the playing field.

Before the kick-off of the Hellas v. Enfield game the Hellas clubroom door was accidentally locked from the inside.

The lock was unscrewed from the door but despite frantic efforts from both sides the Hellas players remained "imprisoned" and Enfield seemed likely to be awarded the game on a forfeit.

Former State goalkeeper Tony Gratzsis, now a Hellas official, eventually came to the rescue by battering down the stubborn door in approved "movie" fashion.

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Young Michael Powell of the Elizabeth Grove School team was a disappointed player last week.

Chosen as his team's best and fairest player for the season, Mike had the misfortune to injure a knee and this meant he could not participate in the Interzone Carnival.

The youngster's outlook brightened considerably last Saturday when Federation secretary Jim Catlin visited the school to make a personal presentation to Mike: a new pair of soccer boots in recognition of his best and fairest award.

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After their quarter-final replay against Elizabeth is completed on Saturday, Austria will go by bus to Whyalla where they will play a combined Whyalla side on Sunday.

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ADS Channel 7 satisfied the curiousity of Adelaide fans who have been wondering about the form lapse of former S.A. and Budapest goalkeeper Charlie Horvath in Sydney.

Channel 7 arranged for their "sister" channel in Sydney to record an exclusive film interview with Horvath.

The film, shown on "World of Sport" last Sunday, revealed that Horvath intends to remain with Hakoah despite offers to return to Adelaide from Budapest and Juventus.

RAW KIDS KNOCK OUT EXPERIENCED MERTON

— From R.J. MITCHELL in Brisbane —

One of the youngest teams ever to represent a top division soccer club in the Brisbane-Ipswich area eliminated last year's champions, Merton, from the special knock-out series.

The team is the Ipswich Blackstone Rovers — and here are the ages:— one 16 years, two 17 years, three 18 years, three 19 years, one 20 years, and the "old man", 25 years old.

In winning 4-2, Blackstone reversed the 4-2 defeat by Merton in the second-last premiership round earlier this month, which practically confirmed a place for Merton in the final tour.

The new blood introduced by Blackstone a few weeks ago are products of their junior ranks and, despite their inexperience, they played like veterans.

Pleasing feature of Blackstone's win was the attacking football they played throughout.

They were never headed— led 1-0 early, then the score went to 1-1, 2-1, 2-2, 3-2 and 4-2.

When they scored their fourth goal nine minutes from the end, they did not get a defensive complex, but went flat out for more goals.

Merton had their scoring chances, but when they did break through a stubborn defence, shot wildly on several occasions.

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Azzurri had an easy 4-1 win over Grange Thistle to qualify for the semi-final against Blackstone.

Thistle took an early lead, but Azzurri led 2-1 by half-time.

Azzurri added another goal within a minute of the resumption and went to 4-1 after another 20 minutes.

In the closing stages, Azzurri appeared to take things easy and won a match in which Thistle gave a disappointing display.

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Latrobe won their way into the semi-final against Hellenic by beating Bundamba 5-1 after leading 2-1 at half-time.

Bundamba paced it in the first-half, but faded after the interval.

Latrobe's teamwork was first-class with good understanding among their forwards, who switched positions regularly with good effect.

Bundamba launched attacks regularly, but these floundered against a cover defence which has been a big factor in Latrobe's good season.

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Hellenic beat Oxley 4-0 but the match failed to come up to expectations and there was much ragged play.

The first-half had some bright moments, but the second-half was a dreary affair and Hellenic's two goals in this session failed to arouse the quiet crowd.

Both semi-finals of the knockout series will be held at the Exhibition Ground on Sunday.

Azzurri and Blackstone meet at 1 p.m. Hellenic and Latrobe play at 2.45.

The Blackstone youngsters face a stiff test against the smooth functioning Azzurri team.

These teams met in the premiership at the Exhibition Ground five weeks ago and played one of the brightest matches of the season to draw 2-2.

This could be another sparkling game, with the experience of Azzurri's young "veterans" being the key factor.

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Latrobe scored their first-ever win over Hellenic three weeks ago after giving Hellenic one of their hardest games earlier in the season.

Sunday's match is one in which the defences are likely to come out on top.

The winner of what promises to be an action-packed thriller, is hard to pick, but it could be Latrobe narrowly.

Local elimination series of the £5.000 Craven "A" Australia Cup will be held at the Exhibition Ground on the week-end September 7-8.

Hellenic will meet Merton and Azzurri will play Latrobe.

The two losers will be eliminated from the competition.

The winner of Hellenic-Merton will meet the winner of Newcastle's 2 v. 3 and the winner of Azzurri v. Latrobe will play the winner of Newcastle's 1 v. 4 in the next round.

LIKELY TEAMS:

Hellenic: B. Topfer; D. Clark, D. McKenna; J. McCarthy, L. McCrea; L. Petie, G. Kitching, B. Vogler, C. Kitching, A. Tsombaras, G. McMillan.

Latrobe: B. Parker; R. Clark, J. Wakeley; R. Harkness, D. Robson; A. Bain, J. Darlington, R. Richards, H. Brown, B. Brennan, R. Hayes.

Blacksone: D. Brown; G. Chandler, C. Matters; T. Petie, M. Woolley; N. Peut, R. Hughes, B. Payne, T. Payne, C. Smith, R. Woodford.

Azzurri: G. Kruger; G. Kathage, L. Minutello; N. Saftich, A. Warren, C. Sander, J. Mengotti, S. Kitching, A. Robertson, S. Dedman, B. Pinti.

W. AUSTRALIA NO FOSTER CHILD

— From HARRY EALDEN in Perth —

With the approaching end of the season, the attention of soccer fans in Western Australia is turning to the forthcoming cup competitions, particularly the £5,000 Craven "A" Australia Cup.

A storm of protest is about to break over the heads of the Australian Soccer Federation who have delivered another of their many peculiar slights to local soccer, by declining to invite Western Australia to take part in the Australia Cup.

How on earth can this cup be called the Australia Cup when a State, comprising one third of Australia, has been left out of it?

It cannot be claimed that our playing standard is not high enough.

If proof of this were needed, we only have to remember the recent inter-State matches with Northern N.S.W. which W.A. won 7-2 and the game against South Australia, on their own ground, which they were very lucky to win 2-1.

Teams of both of these centres will be taking part, and rightly so, but it does serve to underline how unfair to W.A. is the action of the Australian Soccer Federation.

I am sure that soccer lovers in the Eastern States will be equally surprised to learn that by another of those completely bewildering decisions of the Australian Soccer Federation, Western Australia was not to be included in the original itinerary of the Peruvian team's tour.

Only vigorous action by the Western Australian Soccer Federation and the generosity of the local distributors of John Haig Whisky make this now possible.

The Peruvians will be seen in action against an Australian XI on November 20 in Perth, under floodlights.

Perth's soccer fans voiced their anger on that occasion by a flood of letters to the president of the A.S.F., the amiable "Bill" Walkley, who has recently visited Perth in the course of a business trip.

The Western Australian Federation Board of Control is determined that this State will be represented by a team in the Craven 'A' Australia Cup and has written to the Australian Soccer Federation making the following proposal.

W.A. will conduct a knock-out competition between the top four teams and all gate money from these games will be pooled to finance the sending of the winning team to represent this State in the Craven 'A' Australia Cup.

Any money gained from the sending of this team would be split evenly between the four clubs who pooled their money to make the trip possible.

This suggestion has a lot of merit and illustrates the desire of us all to see a real Australia Cup Final on an Australia-wide basis.

The letter containing this proposal has been in the hands of the A.S.F. for three weeks now.

Local officials are determined that soccer expansion should keep abreast of all other developments in this State.

Lopsided development in sport is as bad as in any other field and it is up to the powers-that-be to realise that their "iron curtain" attitude towards W.A. is both puzzling and very disheartening to the many hardworking officials and loyal supporters of the code.

Their efforts have obtained a strong foothold for the game.

They are always willing to help themselves, but quicker and better results can only be obtained when the Australian Soccer Federation stops treating them like members of a rival code.

W.A.'s motto could well be "if you won't help us, then at least don't hinder us".

Meanwhile the decision to admit a team from W.A. or not, is awaited here with great interest.

AUBURN'S TRAGIC LOSS SHOULD BE WARNING

— By RICK BRUCE —

Auburn's 0-1 loss to Gladesville two weeks ago spelt disaster for this fine "battler": it sealed their fate and put them in second division for 1964.

This is tragic indeed, as Auburn's relegation comes soon after they had opened their much awaited social sports club, one of the best equipped and most ideally situated clubs in NSW.

This club would have ensured Auburn's financial success in the future.

As we all know, financial success is wholly and solely soccer today.

If you have money, you're in first division; if you're broke, running low or operating on a shoe-string, you're in second division.

This is the system under which our clubs operate.

Auburn is a big loss to soccer, as they have one of the biggest and best junior nurseries in the country.

Whether we like it or not we must realise that soccer must de-centralise, if it is to succeed.

In the inner-city area at the moment we have Yugal, Hakoah, APIA, Prague, Croatia, Pan Hellenic and soon Corinthians.

CITY CROWDED

This leaves only four—Budapest, Gladesville, Canterbury, Bankstown and South Coast United — (who cannot be included in this survey, for obvious reasons,) to spread the Gospel in the rest of the metropolitan area.

This set-up, to say the least is ridiculous.

The sooner we partially vacate the city all the better and leave ONE or two teams in the city only.

Perhaps we should take a leaf out of League's book and stage a 'match of the day' at the Sports Ground each week.

For the rest, however, it means the SUBURBS.

Budapest to Hurstville, Prague to Parramatta, Yugal to the North Shore — who cares where they go?

But go they must, and the sooner some of our officials realise this, the better for all concerned.

NOT POLITICS

Those who live at Parramatta, Sutherland, Hornsby and Liverpool, must soon get fed up with travelling to the Marks Field, Wentworth Park or the Sports Ground to see a good game of soccer.

Unless soccer spreads out, we will lose thousands of fans and potential followers.

Auburn have the area, the juniors, the ground and now with the club (social) they would have really gone ahead.

We need clubs like Auburn, which are prepared to 'battle on' out in the suburbs, and rely on local support without taking the easy way out, sticking a 'nationalistic' name on their heads and get immediate response from a few thousand loyal partisans.

This is not a matter of politics or religion.

We don't make ourselves a Yugoslav club by calling ourselves Yugal.

We can gain a couple of thousand Yugoslav followers today, but what of tomorrow?

Will our kids be Aussies or 'Slavs, and what about their kids?

Tomorrow we won't have 10,000 'New' Australian soccer followers in the city area but maybe 200,000 or 300,000 soccer lovers scattered from Katoomba to the GPO, from the Hawksbury to Port Kembla.

If we don't move now we'll never tap this vast reservoir of potential followers.

Budapest in their excursion to the St. George area have received absolutely fantastic support which must mean something.

Auburn is a soccer district second to none in Sydney.

On a Saturday morning in Auburn, every way you look you see goal posts, and thousands of kids kicking that ball over the paddocks.

All Auburn wants is a top class side and just watch the crowds come back to Mona Park.

The Auburn social club can do just that by building a top class side and giving the kids the chance to watch 11 Alick Jeffreys at Mona Park. — not at Wentworth Park.

This is why the loss of Auburn is so tragic to soccer, why we need Auburn and we need more Auburns.

THE READERS WRITE

"Little World Cup"

The great form shown by the Yugoslav XI last Wednesday night when they outclassed NSW should prompt the Australian Federation to stage a "Little World Cup".

There are enough players of different nationalities in Australia to form 16 teams and run a competition every four years on the World Cup model.

This sort of national series proved a huge success a few years ago in Melbourne and would even be a bigger drawcard on a national basis.

I would suggest four preliminary groups with the first two in each group moving into the quarterfinals after having played each other.

Group I to be staged in Adelaide would include Yugoslavia, Holland, Hungary and Germany.

Group II, in Melbourne, Italy, Latin America, including Spain, Scotland and Asia.

Group III, in Sydney, Greece, Poland, Israel and Austria.

Group IV, in Brisbane and Newcastle, Australia, England, Malta and Croatia.

P. Lazzarrini,
Leichhardt

Peru by night

I was surprised to read that the two Sydney matches of the Peruvian tour will to be played on Sunday afternoons.

The Federation should have arranged night games at the Showground.

Afternoon games in mid-November will not be a great success as the heat will be tremendous.

The Federation cannot expect crowds of over 15,000 at the Sydney matches in such conditions, but more than 30,000 spectators could have been induced to attend if the matches were staged on Friday evenings.

James Clare
Pymble

Soccer better

Last Saturday, owing to the postponement of the Federation Cup double-header at Wentworth Park, I went to the Sydney Cricket Ground to watch the Rugby League grand final.

Although the excitement was terrific, and the standard very high, I thought that the promotion and presentation were very poor compared to soccer.

Soccer promotion leaves rugby "for dead."

The only good thing about it was the huge score-board showing the number of the player who scored a try or kicked a goal.

Peter Flanagan
Strathfield

Promotion a must

An independent fact-finding committee has been formed to promote soccer.

Whether they are promoting the code or just their own clubs remains to be seen.

It is reported that they wish promotion and relegation to be suspended.

What would result from this?

Dull, dreary games from clubs in the bottom half of the competition with nothing at stake and the extinction of Australia's oldest clubs Balgownie and Granville.

Loss of the right to regain first division status by Balgownie, Sydney Austral, Granville, Polonia, Manly and Auburn after accepting the decision to be relegated.

The loss of thousands of dedicated officials, players, supporters and juniors through the absolute certain disbanding of second division.

J. Williams
Mortdale

FEDERATION CUP DRAW

PRAGUE v. CANTERBURY			
POLONIA-N.S. v. AUBURN	POLONIA 1-0		
PAN HELLENIC v. YUGAL	YUGAL 2-0		
HAKOAH v. S. AUSTRAL	HAKOAH 5-0		
APIA v. GLADESVILLE	G'VILLE 3-2		
CROATIA v. CORINTHIANS			
BANKSTOWN v. BALGOWNIE	BALGOWNIE 2-1		
S. COAST UTD. v. BUDAPEST	S. COAST 5-1		

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION SEMIFINALS	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	RICK BRUCE	PAUL BARCLAY	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
P. Hellenic v. S.C.U.	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Polonia v. Corinthians	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
B'gownie v. S. Austral	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

* *Joe Vasilj, Croatia secretary.*

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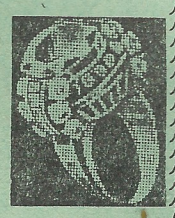
We speak; Hungarian, German and Czech

BBC soccer show winds up

"Saturday Sport", the popular half hour B.B.C. sports programme which featured English soccer, will not be seen again in Australia.

The B.B.C. has scrapped the show because of lack of interest in England.

English apathy contrasts sharply with the popularity of the show in Australia.

"Saturday Sport" was one of the A.B.C.'s top rated programmes watched by about 500.000 viewers throughout Australia on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Sydney A.B.C. sports director Bob Richardson told SOCCER WORLD yesterday that his organization was disappointed at the abandonment of "Saturday Sport".

"We are negotiating with the B.B.C. for an adequate substitute as we have built up a great following with "Saturday Sport".

"We are confident that within a few weeks soccer fans will be able to watch top British soccer again," he said"

"We think we might secure a similar programme, but featuring Scottish sport instead-but this is far from certain yet", he added.

Bob Richardson also said that the A.B.C. would re-screen the 1963 European Cup final between Milan and Benfica on Saturday, September 21 during the Sydney "Sports View" show at 3 p.m.

He also said that there was still hope of filming highlights of the Sydney premiership semifinals at the Sports Ground but that it was up to the Federation to secure film rights from the Sports Ground Trust.

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Corinthians may lose first match this year

Saturday's semifinal between Corinthians and Polonia-NS could be the best second division match of the season.

Hundreds of first division fans will have the opportunity of watching Corinthians, second division's unbeaten champions and newest first division club, clash with Polonia-NS who outclassed Auburn in a Cup match last Saturday.

Corinthians' tremendous feat of only dropping one point in 22 games is likely to stand for many years and might never be bettered.

According to experts the team could already beat a few of the first division clubs.

Polonia, their morale boosted by the win over Auburn, are convinced that they will be the first team to lower Corinthians' colours.

They base their optimism on inside-right Witczak "the new Galeczka" — and, according to Polish supporters, the best forward in Sydney.

Witczak who scored the winning goal against Auburn will be Corinthians' bogeyman.

The Polonia defence, solidly built around Polish and Victorian representative goalkeeper, Harry Gronowski, will weave a tight web around Corinthians' forwards.

Corinthians claim that their direct, English-type methods will again see them through.

First division fans will be interested to see left half Hillsdon and inside right Bennett Lawson, the stars of the team, in action.

Polonia will be all out to repeat their 1960 performances when they also knocked a first division team out of the first round of the cup (North Side-EPT), then went on to win the second division grand-final at the expense of promoted Pan Hellenic.

The spacious Marks Field pitch will suit Polonia-NS' more scientific style of play and they are tipped to turn the tables on Corinthians in one of the best second division matches for years.

Corinthians: Dorman; Fazakerley, Herning; McCarthy, Robinson, Hillsdon; Todd, Bennett, Miller, Daykin, Hall.

Polonia-NS: H. Gronowski; Rosa, Cebula; Nowacki, Boland, Adamson; Woodward, R. Gronowski, Hajduk, Witczak, Rosik.

REFEREE: S. Pundyk; **Linesmen:** Cousins, Brown.

Form points to Balgownie

Last weekend's form points to a run-away Balgownie victory in the semifinal between third and fourth place-getters on Sunday.

Balgownie had their biggest triumph since 1960 when they deservedly beat Bankstown, the 1960 Cup winners, at Woonona in a first round Federation Cup tie, last Sunday.

Sydney Austral, on the other hand, gave a shocking display against Hakoah, losing 5-0 after showing a complete lack of skill.

Their performance was rated the worse seen at Wentworth Park since Federation soccer has been played on the ground.

They can, undoubtedly, play much better, as only two weeks ago Sydney Austral were very unlucky not to beat Corinthians.

Sydney Austral will have to approach that form to be a threat to Balgownie, despite the latter's lack of confidence when playing in Sydney.

Last week's performances must tip the scales heavily in Balgownie's favour.

Balgownie have always excelled in second division final play-offs.

In 1961 they beat Granville 2-1 in the grand final and last year defeated Croatia 2-1.

They are typical cup-tie specialists.

They should win by a two-goal margin unless Sydney Austral play a lot better than against Hakoah.

Syd. Austral: Reckenrich, De Looper, Csosz; Ferguson, Van Haaren, Pronk; Vuesting, Van der Wall, McRitchie, Priessen, Stoove.

Balgownie: Delhaus; Soldi, Egbers; Peters, Christlo, Ryan; Edwards, J. Nipperess, R. Nipperess, Trotter, Tolhurst.

REFEREE: F. Sbisa; **Linesmen:** Wilson, Scarborough.

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BETWEEN YOU AND THE GOALPOST . . .

with EINAR PERSEN

BANKSTOWN Soccer Club Limited's application for a liquor license is to be heard next week by the Licensing Board. If the club is granted the license the building of a modern clubhouse will start immediately in the heart of Bankstown at Macauley Avenue.

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CANTERBURY expect Irishmen Munster and Ewing in Sydney within a few days. They booked their air fares last week. Their families will come out by ship later. Canterbury have also signed on a 27-year-old English forward with first division experience. He will arrive just before Christmas.

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JOE VASVARI, the former APIA, Hakoah and presently Budapest forward, may join a Newcastle club soon. Budapest are willing to let him go at a moderate price.

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YUGAL and Sydney centre half Mita Stojanovic returned to Yugoslavia on Wednesday. Yugal team manager Marko Banovich presented Stojanovic with a bouquet of flowers before the Yugal v. Pan Hellenic Federation Cup match. The burly Stojanovic made an auspicious farewell to Sydney soccer by inspiring Yugal to a shock win.

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APIA are on the look-out for talented juniors for their second and third grade teams. They feel that a really promising youngster would have a great chance of making the first team next season. Interested players are invited to come along to Lambert Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

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POLONIA's former Polish outside left Wilhelm Pilot will return to Australia in the new year. He is now playing with Polonia Bytom in the Polish first divison.

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HAKOAH half back Ron Kearns will be out for the rest of the season. He pulled a stomach muscle in the match against Bankstown two weeks ago. Len Quested has stated work again after his cartilage operation.

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PRAGUE's annual ball last Saturday at the Rex Hotel, Bondi, was a huge success with more than 300 guests celebrating the club's premiership win until 2 am .Australian Federation president W. G. Walkley, O.B.E., was guest of honour. Miss Eva Zverka was elected "Miss Prague" to represent the club in the Federation's "Miss Soccer" contest. Hakoah president, and Prague founder, Karel Rodny, presented Ron Lord with a special trophy as consolation for missing out on all the press-sponsored prizes this season. SOCCER WORLD publisher Marcell Nagy also presented his trophy, which was accepted by team captain Grenville Jones.

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YUGAL will play a combined Newcastle XI tonight (Friday) at the Crystal Palace ground, Wallsend, in aid of the Skopje earthquake fund. Another benefit is planned for Wollongong where Yugal will meet leading Illawarra district club Hellas.

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ARLINGTON Oval has been renovated by the local council. Enlarged seating accomodation is expected to be ready for the start of the 1964 premiership.

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A SYDNEY club has put out feelers to three of Sydney's top forwards: Blitz, Tristram and Jeffrey. However, they are unlikely to get any of them. And don't start guessing which club: we won't say.

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BUDAPEST's gala ball this Saturday night at the Chevron will be one of the social events of the soccer calendar. If you forgot to buy a ticket, you will have to get there early to squeeze in.

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Mr CACHIA ZAMMIT, the Maltese Minister for Labour and Social Services, will be guest of honor at the Melita Eagles presentation night on September 8, Malta's National Day. He will present trophies to first and second grade players. Melita Eagles hope that the Minister will be able to persuade the Maltese Government to assist the club financially to gain promotion to first division in 1964. Melita are now busily engaged in finding a player-coach for next season and would welcome applications for the position. The club has already signed on a leading English player from Middlesborough.

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ERNO GROSZ, the Budapest goalie won't retire after all. Soon he will move to Melbourne with his wife and newborn baby and hopes to play for a leading Victorian side next season.

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SOUTH COAST UNITED supporters will "invade" Sydney on Sunday in nine buses and 200 cars to see all three SCU teams do battle in the first semifinals at the Sports Ground. More than 850 supporters are expected at the match which is arousing tremendous interest in the Wollongong area, particularly after SCU's return to form in last week's cup match against Budapest. Other buses will also travel to Sydney on Sunday from the South Coast, for Balgownie's second division semifinal at neighboring Marks Field.

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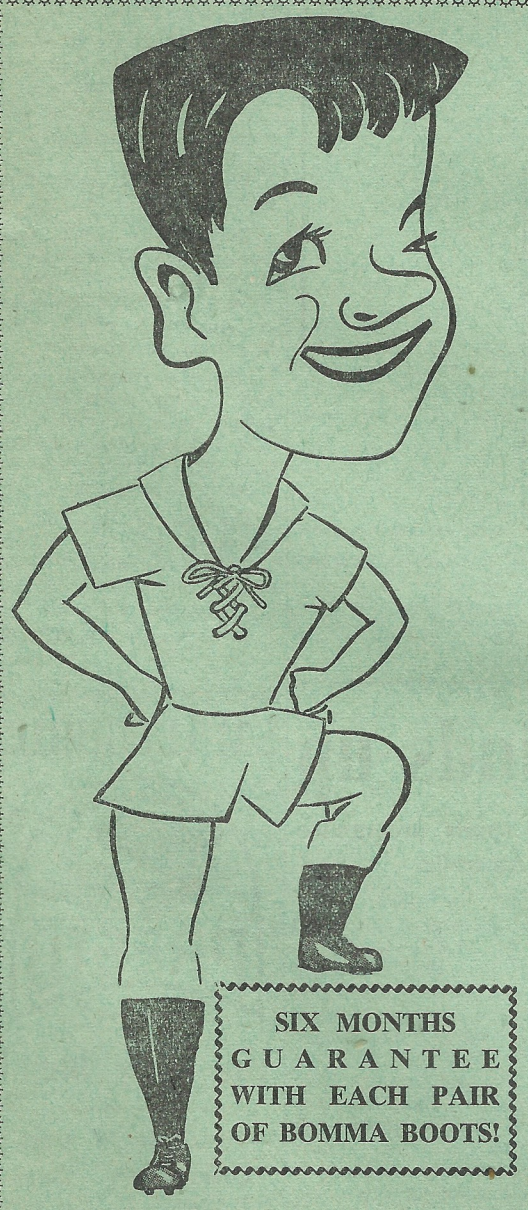
RUMOR has it that Canterbury will part with several of their key players next season. Watkiss is almost certain to go, and two defenders are also reported to be asking for a transfer.



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